

Bolivar City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
5:30 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in their regularly scheduled sessions, Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at the Bolivar Municipal Center with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Barrett Stevens  
Todd Lowe  
Larry McKinnie  
Willie McKinnie  
Julian McTizic  
Suzanne Rhea

Absent:

Tracy Byrum  
Quintissia Hamer  
Randy Hill

Others Present: Don and Ann Cherry, Bethany Miller, Pat Baker, Jimica Simmons, Linda McKinnie, Maricio Beauregard.

Mayor Stevens welcomed everyone present then called the meeting to order. Councilman Willie McKinnie was asked to open the meeting with prayer, followed by Mayor Stevens leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed by the Council. With no corrections or additions, a motion was made by Councilman Todd Lowe and seconded by Councilman Suzanne Rhea to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting. All voted "Aye".

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Stevens reported that Devco (which is through the City of Bolivar) has requested bids for sign improvements on the façade of the Luez Theater. Devco owns the theater and has applied for a Main Street Grant to help in these improvements. Devco is responsible for 20% of its cost.

One bid was received from Memphis Sign Company in the amount of \$20,400. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Willie McKinnie to accept the bid from Memphis Sign Company. All voted "Aye".

Representative Johnny Shaw will be conducting a town hall meeting here at City Hall on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. All interested parties and local elected officials are invited to attend. He will be giving updates on topics of discussion from the General Assembly sessions.

It is reported that after the first month of the installation of the new LED street lights in town, there has been a savings of \$4,145 in electricity billing from the previous month. This will be a tremendous savings.

It is the end of the school year. Bolivar Central High School had a total of 161 graduates. Special thank yous need to be made to our teachers, educators, and mentors. Our children are such a value and take time to thank a teacher when you see one.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Electric/Utilities - Councilman Todd Lowe

#### Electric:

- The board voted to increase the fiduciary plan for retirement up to \$2,000,000.
- Bolivar Energy Authority will be closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, for Memorial Day

#### Utilities - The following was discussed at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

- Bids were opened for a 54" Kubota Diesel Turn Mower. Two bids were submitted.
  1. Byrd Implement Co....Jackson, TN.....\$10,650.00
  2. Anderson Tractor Co...Bolivar, TN.....\$10,850.00

After a brief discussion, the board agreed to accept the bid from Anderson Tractor Co., contingent upon council approval since they are local and closer if repairs are needed.

At this time, a motion was made by Councilman Todd Lowe and seconded by Councilman Suzanne Rhea to purchase the mower from Anderson Tractor Company in the amount of \$10,850.00. All voted "Aye".

- The BUD board has been asked by Tennessee Energy Acquisition to have a resolution passed approving Cliff Henson as Clyde Dellinger's replacement for their board. (The resolution will be discussed in new business)
- Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, was Mr. Clyde Dellinger's retirement day. Mr. Dellinger served the City of Bolivar for 44 years and was honored with a Retirement Lunch provided by the Bolivar Utility Department, board members and special guests. Mr. Dellinger started on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and retired on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Gas prices for the month remain at .65 cents

### Fire and Police – Councilman Willie McKinnie

#### Police:

- Calls for service – 1146
- Citations – 355
- Accidents – 25 (7 injuries, 18 property damage)
- Arrests – 51 (juvenile 8, adult 43)

#### Fire:

- The Bolivar Fire Department participated in four (4) public education events during the month of April.
- Department personnel successfully completed TARS Advanced Extrication certification through the Hardeman County Rescue Squad on April 8, 2017.
- Engineer Dylan Henderson completed the Tennessee Firefighting Commission requirements for certification as a Firefighter II.
- Fire Calls for April are as follows: (3) structure fires, (3) false alarms, (2) mutual aid, (3) other, (2) grass fires, (1) vehicle fire, (1) MVA
- The department participated in 249 hours of training, completed 10 courtesy inspections, installed 17 smoke alarms, provided Red Cross direct client assistance to one household and conducted (4) fire drills at local schools.

At this time, Mayor Stevens recognized Chief Pat Baker. Chief Baker informed the council that the Drug dog (Boris) is being retired. He has spoken to MTAS and if the dog's handler (Patrolman Donnie McElhone

) would like to keep the dog, it must be declared as surplus property. The dog has been under the supervision and care of his handler for quite some time and it is the handler's wishes to keep him. Therefore, a motion was made by Councilman Rhea, seconded by Councilman Willie McKinnie to declare the drug unit K-9 as surplus property and retire the "Boris" to Patrolman McElhone. All voted "Aye".

#### **Parks and Recreation – Councilman Suzanne Rhea**

The following activities were reported for the month:

- The 15 through 18 young men continue to play their basketball league
- Adult aerobics continue 2 days per week
- Work continues on restroom construction and the disc golf course at Pleasant Run Park
- Youth baseball and softball league games continue
- We are hosting the Girl's High School District Tournament
- The pool is scheduled to open May 30

#### **Street and Sanitation – (Read by Mrs. Dellinger in absence of Councilman Randy Hill)**

Street:

- Grass is being cut
- Clean up month was in April and we are finishing up this week
- Banners were hung at the Farmer's Market and Music on the Square
- Yellow caution line was painted at the Farmer's Market as well as worked on the flag pole

Sanitation:

- Dumpsters are being rebuilt and repaired
- Otherwise, routine operations

#### **Planning Commission – Councilman Quintissia Hamer (absent)**

The Planning Commission did not meet in the month of April.

#### **Library/Senior Citizens – Councilman Julian McTizic**

Library:

- Several programs were conducted in the month of April (23) with 600 participants
- Movie on the Square is the second Thursday of each month. Suggestions can be made on the library's Facebook page
- Total circulation for the month of April was 5,303 which includes 1585 computer users
- 506 books (not included in the above number) were checked out through the READS program
- Summer Food Program starts May 30<sup>th</sup> 11AM – 12PM, Monday – Friday. Free lunch from birth to 18 years. "Bounce into Summer Reading" event May 31<sup>st</sup> 2pm – 4 pm.
- 643,490 pennies have been raised so far in the penny challenge

Senior Citizens:

- The average daily attendance Mon-Wed-Friday is (8), Tues – Thursday the average is (18)
- 16 Seniors attended the monthly meal (breakfast) at Joe's on April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Trip to Hebron Church for lunch on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 15 attended
- Joyce Pirtle from Medicare Ship Program visited on April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Bolivar Historic Zoning** – (Read by Mrs. Dellinger in absence of Councilman Tracy Byrum)

This Historic Zoning Commission met in April for a continuation for the request to cut trees at 525 N. Main St. Specific areas and thorough details were clarified with the property owner and timber cutter. Approval was granted for certain area trees that are not visible from N. Main Street. The decision of the commission was based on the visual character of the district and the appearance results of tree removal and the negative effect it would have on the North Main Street historic district. Clarifications were made with the property owner and timber cutter of the certain area trees for removal, where to access the property, and clean up details.

**Compliance/Zoning** – Councilman Larry McKinnie (Read by Mayor Stevens)

The report for April is as follows:

- Building consultations – 6
- Building permits written – 1
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing inspections – 5
- Courtesy notices issues – 25

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- A. Resolution 17-001, "A Resolution to Appoint Cliff Henson, Director Bolivar Utility Department, to the Tennessee Energy Acquisition Board"

Upon the retirement of Mr. Clyde Dellinger from the Bolivar Utility Department, Tennessee Energy Acquisition is requesting that the present Director, Cliff Henson, replace Mr. Dellinger as its representative on the Tennessee Energy Acquisition Board. This replacement must be in the form of a resolution and shall take effect from and after its passage.

With no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Councilman Todd Lowe and seconded by Councilman Suzanne Rhea to appoint Cliff Henson as Bolivar Utility Department's representative to the Tennessee Energy Acquisition Board, replacing Mr. Clyde Dellinger. All voted "Aye".

**Community Development Session:** None

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Suzanne Rhea, seconded by Councilman Larry McKinnie. Meeting was adjourned.

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Attest: Shelia Dellinger

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Mayor Barrett Stevens